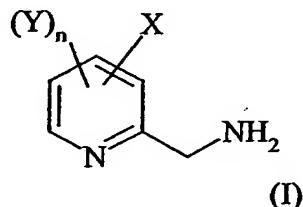


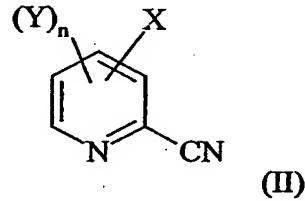
CLAIMS

1. Process for the preparation of 2-aminomethylpyridine derivative of general
5 formula (I)



in which : - n represents 0, 1, 2 or 3,
- X is halogen atom,
- each Y, which may be the same or different, is chosen in the group comprising halogen atom, halogenoalkyl, alkoxy carbonyl and alkylsulphonyl,
10 or a salt thereof;

by hydrogenation of a 2-cyanopyridine derivative of general formula (II) :



in which n, X and Y are as defined above,

or a salt thereof;

in acetic acid using Raney nickel, at a temperature of from 30°C to 70°C, under a
15 hydrogen pressure of from 1 to 50 bar.

2. Process according to claim 1, characterised in that X is chlorine.

3. Process according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that n is 1.

20 4. Process according to any of the claims 1 to 3, characterised in that Y is haloalkyl.

5. Process according to claim 4, characterised in that Y is trifluoromethyl.

6. Process according to claim 1, characterised in that X is chlorine, n is 1 and Y is trifluoromethyl.

7. Process according to claim 6, characterised in that compound of general
5 formula (I) is 2-aminomethyl-3-chloro-5-trifluoromethylpyridine.

8. Process according to any of the claims 1 to 7, characterised in that temperature is chosen from 35 to 50°C.

10 9. Process according to any of the claims 1 to 8, characterised in that the pressure of hydrogen is chosen from 2 to 30 bar.

10. Process according to claim 9, characterised in that the pressure of hydrogen is chosen from 10 to 20 bar.

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11. Process according to any of the claims 1 to 10, characterised in that Raney nickel is introduced in a weight ratio of from 1 to 20% with respect to compound of general formula (II).

20 12. Process according to claim 7, characterised in that the temperature is chosen from 35 to 50°C and the pressure of hydrogen is chosen from 10 to 20 bar and Raney nickel is introduced in a weight ratio of from 1 to 20% with respect to compound of general formula (II).